there is congestion in the East-West corridor in Delhi.

(b) to (d) The Delhi Administration has already commissioned M/s Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd. (RITES) for preparing a detailed feasibility study for a mass rapid transit system for Delhi. This study is to take over all view of the total transport demand of Delhi Union Territory. The study has just been completed.

(e) and (f) A protocol signed between Government of India and the Soviet Union in October 1988 provided, *inter-alia*, that the Soviet side would assist in initiating cooperation in the construction of metro systems in India on a turn-key basis with a suitable financial package, In pursuance to this, the Soviet Government was requested to send a team of experts to India for discussions on the metro system in Delhi. Accordingly a Soviet delegation visited India in Feb., 1989. It was agreed during the discussion that Government of India would prepare detailed feasibility report of the East-West Corridor. Subsequent to this the Delhi Administration engaged M/s Rail India Technical & Economic Services Ltd. (RITES) for preparing a detailed feasibility report for provision of mass rapid transit system for the city of Delhi. RITES have just completed the prepration of this detailed feasibility report.

Use of poor Material for Footpaths and Roads

506. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that very poor material is being used in the construction of footpaths and road dividers in Delhi, with the result that there are constantly in need of repair or reconstruction; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure that such work is carried out with good materials and workmanship, and to fix responsibility for defective workmanship?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi and New Delhi Municipal Committee have reported that no substandard material is used in the construction of footpaths and road dividers. Materials used are of standard specifications and checks are carried out by their respective Quality Control Units. These are also subject to checks and scrutiny by the Chief Technical Examiner of the Central Vigilance Commission.

Basic Amenities in Co-op. Group Housing Societies in Trans-Yamuna Area

507. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the work of land allotment to Cooperative Housing Societies in the Trans-Yamuna area was completed;

(b) whether full development charges for the land have been recovered by DDA/Municipal Corporation;

(c) whether it is a fact that in spite of repeated requests by the people residing in these colonies, essential services like sewerage lines and storm water drains have not been provided;

(d) if so, the reasons therefore and by when the said work is likely to be completed; and

(e) whether the plot owners would be levied further charges resulting from delay in implementation of development for which DDA/MCD are solely responsible if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.